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VESSELS OF A HUMAN OR ANIMAL BODY

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of record.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with the missing parts in the above case, which is based on German application 100 55 686.8, which was filed on 3 November 2000. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 56 total and 5 independent claims. Consistent with the modifications to 37 CFR §1.125, the applicant has provided a substitute specification instead of a clean copy of the paragraphs and claims as they stand after amendment.

Amendments to the Disclosure

The specification as filed has been altered from the literal translation document received to delete information above the title, to insert headings according to US practice, and to insert paragraph numbering in lieu of line numbering. These changes do not introduce new matter.

Amendments to the Claims

After the heading "CLAIMS" and before the beginning of the claims, please insert the words: -- What is claimed is: --

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A device for influencing cell-growth mechanisms in vessels, in particular blood vessels, of a human or animal body, comprising: [characterised in that to influence the cell growth mechanisms there is provided]

an excitation device for producing [(5; 5'')] which is adapted to produce] stimulation currents in a region to be treated of the vessel [(3; 3'')], wherein the stimulation currents have a frequency and/or a [the] modulation frequency [of the stimulation currents is] in the range